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Full coverage of the 46th General Assembly

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WE HOPE YOU ENJOY the *Evangel's* coverage of the Forty-sixth General Assembly, which we shall bring you in this and the following issue. We happily feel that something of a record has been set in printing both reports and pictures in the first issue to go to press following the meeting. (Announcements of elections and appointments made at the Assembly were printed in the issue that went to press even while the meeting was in progress! This was done by reserving space in the issue and by the cooperation of an efficient staff.)

Long before the delegates started toward Memphis, the editor wrote a selected group of writers and gave them specific areas or portions of the Assembly to cover. In Memphis, we had a staff meeting and breakfast at the opening of the meeting. There the assignments were discussed and clarified to assure coverage of every phase of the conference and yet prevent undue overlapping. The reporters worked hard and sincerely to bring you not only the happenings but also the mood and spirit of the meeting. As you read their reports I am sure you will agree that they succeeded admirably in their task. I should like to thank them here for their ready cooperation.

The cover picture was made at the staff breakfast in the Aztec Room of Hotel Claridge. Seated around the table (l. to r.) are: Mrs. F. W. Goff, Illinois; Sunny Blundell, England; Mrs. Ralph E. Williams, California; Oleda Glenn, *Evangel* secretary; J. H. Walker, Ohio; E. C. Thomas, Business Manager; Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief; H. R. Carter, South Africa; W. P. Stallings, Ohio; Cleo Watts, Tennessee; Earl T. Golden, Kansas; Paul L. Walker, California. Standing in the rear are David L. Lemons, Florida (l.) and O. W. Polen, National Sunday School and Youth Director. Harvey Norman, Michigan, was unable to attend the breakfast. (Some of the states noted here were changed during the meeting. The present offices or locations are listed in the by-lines of the separate reports.)



ALL THE SCENES of the Assembly were made by Leon Sheffield, minister and Lee College student. The pictures in this and the following issue (plus many others) are available in your choice of size and finish. For prices and other information contact Rev. Leon Sheffield, Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee.

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Was This Our Greatest Assembly?

I RETURNED FROM THE 46th General Assembly this week with a deep impression that it was the best one I have ever attended. Perhaps some of you will disagree with me, but I am sure most of the ten thousand delegates will agree. Naturally, circumstances influence our opinions. The weight of responsibility or the carefree mind, good health or sickness, active participation or passive attendance, personal peace of mind or disquieting uncertainty, confidence or anxiety—all these factors influence a person's happiness and appreciation, or his lack of them. Still, taking all these factors into consideration, I feel this was the best Assembly I have ever attended.

Nothing can be termed "best," or "worst," except by comparison. It is a relative matter. For this reason it is hard to say flatly that anything is "best," particularly such a complex thing as a Church of God General Assembly, for by so saying you also say that all others are inferior by comparison to this. We have had some mighty good Assemblies in the past; besides, I haven't been to them all. Some recent Assembly may have been more beneficial to someone else (or many someone elses) than this one. I know that. But I still believe that, generally speaking, this was the best one we have had recently, and that, personally, it was the best one I have ever attended—and I have attended some mighty good ones.

Since I was a teen-age student I have not missed a General Assembly. Following those carefree days came Assemblies when I sat in the balcony of the council sessions as a nonvoting ministerial novice. Then I attended later meetings with the voice and rights of an ordained minister and finally with the responsibility of official committee and council work.

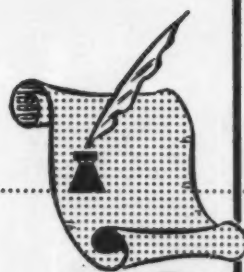
I believe I have seen our Assemblies from enough angles to know that this one was outstanding from every viewpoint.

Personal Blessings

The wonderful blessings and edification I received would readily make me feel how good the meeting was, not to speak of the precious fellowship with my brethren in the Lord, the spiritual and mental stimulation, the moral succor and the confidence in God. Those are personal matters, but yet they are so real that they alone would make it an outstanding meeting to me. Many extraneous discouragements or disappointments could not have offset those eternal benefits.

Unity and Love

Aside, however, from personal blessings, it was a landmark Assembly. The peace and tranquility of the General Council (which sessions alternated with the General Assembly services) were marvelous to behold. By our



The Editor's Message

traditionally democratic and scriptural processes we decided our issues and our course. Opinions were sharp and variant and debate was vigorous sometimes to the point of vehemence, but there was neither rancor nor intolerance. Such manifestations of love and brotherhood are rare in the world today. It is a sign of real manhood—Christian manhood—to see some measure that is the fruit of your labor and conviction set aside by a contrary majority conviction, and then not allow the disappointment to diminish your efforts for the common good. The Church of God is made up of such apostolic unity and cohesiveness. This keeps us from splintering into shambles—with a fragment here and another there—such as men of lesser love and greater egotism and despotism are doing today. I have never seen a greater unity and Christian confidence manifested anywhere than at this Assembly—not unity that is naive or milk-toasty, but that which is man-sized. And it was marvelous!

Think of how our officials were chosen by the General Council to be presented to the Assembly. There was a nominating ballot, then the first voting ballot, then the second, and so on. The general overseer was elected on the first ballot. One assistant general overseer was elected on the nominating ballot and the other on the second ballot. The general secretary-treasurer was elected on the nominating ballot. The national Sunday School and youth director was elected on the first ballot. Then came the Supreme Council—and no less than eight men were elected on the nominating ballot! The remaining four were elected on the second.

Now, note this: never was more than the second voting ballot necessary to find the will of the council, and ten of the seventeen men chosen by this meeting were named on the nominating ballot! This was louder than words and clearer than pictures an express of confidence—a firm confidence in ourselves, in our brothers in the Lord, and that God still directs the affairs of His Church.

Measures of Progress

The positive steps of this meeting made it significant. The creation of a committee on evangelism to expedite and accelerate our evangelistic efforts was a step of



Supreme Council elected at 1956 Assembly. Left to Right: H. D. Williams, General Secretary-Treasurer; Houston R. Morehead, General Overseer; James A. Cross, Assistant General Overseer; Earl P. Paulk, Assistant General Overseer; Ralph E. Williams, California; Ray H. Hughes, Maryland; J. T. Roberts, Florida; James L. Slay, Tennessee; J. Frank Spivey, North Carolina; H. L. Chesser, Florida; Zeno C. Tharp, Retired; E. M. Ellis, retired; L. H. Aultman, North Carolina; Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief; not pictured, W. E. Johnson, Georgia; and A. M. Phillips, Florida.

progress and vision, because it declares that at a time when we are already vigorously evangelistic, we will study to do even more, more effectively. More significant, perhaps, it is an acceptance of the many facets of soul-saving, and a continued recognition of our primary mission on earth—to save the lost.

Equally positive is the creation of a national music committee, so that music may take its place as a ministry instead of entertainment. In my opinion, the day will come, if the Lord tarries, that the institution of these boards will prove to be one of the most significant steps we have ever taken.

Bible Study

Someone suggested to me at the beginning of the meeting that too often we go around in circles. We should not be so much patchers or fixers as planners of a positive, Biblical ministry for the church. This year we spent many hours discussing and debating the Scriptures—and even inserted a Bible reading requisite in our ministerial qualifications. Consider how stimulated we became by discussions on the Biblical ranks of the ministry. Even though we finally tabled the measure we had debated so long and so earnestly, the debate was good for us. The idea of the General Assembly in the first place was to search and discuss the Scriptures.

Oh, I believe we all left the council sessions feeling, "This is good." May I add—"very good!"

Spiritual Services

And then there were the Assembly services. Where was there a dull spot on the program? Where was the speaker who lacked divine anointing? The heart-searching missions program, the vivacious youth service, the spiritual Negro service, the tender memorial service, the inspiring ladies' program, and all the others were rich and lasting. The weeping and seeking after God following some of the Pentecostal preaching was as it was in days gone by.

I know I am not alone, for many have told me that they feel as I do about the meeting in Memphis. We cannot tell now, but I have the feeling that it will go down in history as one of our greatest General Assemblies.



Houston R. Morehead, newly elected General Overseer, accepting gavel from Zeno C. Tharp, retiring General Overseer. The new officers were presented to the Assembly on Thursday morning, August 16. Morehead comes to the General Overseership after four years as Assistant General Overseer, 2 years as General Secretary and Treasurer, and over 30 years of ministry in the Church of God.

blies. If not into history, it surely has already gone down thus in the hearts and memories of those who were there. One left with the feeling that God still is on His throne—and we are His children.

Spiritual Aspects of the 1956 Assembly

Harvey A. Norman
Grand Rapids, Michigan



FROM EVERY corner of the world, by automobiles, busses, trains, and planes, delegates made their ways to the newly air-conditioned Ellis Auditorium in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, for the Forty-sixth Church of God General Assembly. The population of the city increased by thousands overnight. Hotels and motels were filled to capacity, and many goodhearted Memphians opened their homes to house the delegates. Cafes, cafeterias, and restaurants remained open long hours to feed the delegates.

This pilgrimage was different. No prophet of Mecca or vicar of Rome inspired this, but the Spirit of the Lord God prompted men, women, and children—brown, yellow, black, and white—of various tongues to attend a great Assembly for the purpose of reviewing, planning, and propagating the work of God.

The Assembly opened with high spirits. Two more years of work had passed. God had blessed the various projects—small and large—and a bigger Church than ever before was represented. There were no sad countenances, no looks of defeat, no frowns of discouragement; only thanks and praise and happiness for the blessings of the past two years seemed the order of the day.

A very noticeable spirit of unity prevailed from the very first assembly throughout the whole week. The sermons of the worship services were contributory to this unity. Each message seemed particularly appropriate for its occasion. This feeling of unity was possible because of its existence

over the world in the local churches.

One speaker indicated toward the spiritual apex of his message how the love and unity of a local church affected him. "The thing that convinced me that the Church of God was God's elect organization was the great love and unity among its members," he stated. This love and unity came to the Assembly in the hearts of God-fearing and Christ-loving men and women and was maintained and heightened there by God's Spirit. It was first in the hearts of individuals; and when those individuals assembled, it became a collective love and unity.

The teen-age choir of the youth service seemed particularly impressive. It depicted so vividly what God can and will do through young, yielded lives. The youth of the Church performed superbly as they worshiped humbly and reverently in the Spirit. Christ was lifted up. His heart-warming and heart-searching presence penetrated every nook and corner throughout the area. The spiritual atmosphere pervaded the balconies and main floors, the hallways, the lobbies and vestibules. His presence was everywhere. A whispered "Hallelujah," a "Thank God," a "Praise Him" could be heard as verbal expressions of joyful hearts. These, when insufficient to express inward feelings, gave way to physical expressions in a dance or a run through the aisles. Some spoke in other tongues; others interpreted. Old men, old women, young men, young women, and children all shared in the outpouring of the Spirit. The whole area reverberated with shouts of

praise. This, truly, is a mid-century phenomenon.

IMPRESSION OF several persons concerning the Assembly were observed. A delegate from Trinidad stated, "This freedom of the Spirit is what we need. An Illinois delegate found a deep, very harmonious spirit prevailing. A South African delegate seemed somewhat overwhelmed as he stated before the assembled Council, 'I've never seen such an impressive thing in all of my life.' A Walgreen Drug employee who served food to many delegates commented, 'This is one of the finest and most patient groups of people I ever saw.' No doubt, the presence of God in the hearts of the delegates to this Assembly made its mark on the city of Memphis.

As the Assembly progressed, the past and present were reviewed and made history, and our minds were directed to the future. The Spirit of God, through a speaker, pointed out the dangers and errors of isolationism and individualism and the temptation of selfish ambitions. It was further pointed out that any failure or error of the past should neither slow nor deter our efforts toward progress in the future. As the message concluded, the amens, the yeses, the shaking heads and smiles of approvals concurred with the speaker that there is one aim and determination for us all in the future apart from what anyone may do, that is to seek God more earnestly and ardently and find Him more real in our lives. The action of this determination was not de-

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YOUNG PEOPLE at the Assembly

By O. W. Polen

National S. S. and Youth Director

YES, THEY WERE there — the young people — participating, contributing, and rejoicing, playing a vitally important role in the 46th General Assembly of the Church of God. Remove them from the Assembly congregation, and the attendance would be noticeably less. Eliminate their voices from the Assembly singing, and the singing would not be nearly so inspiring. Take the smiling, vivacious young people from the corridors of the large Memphis City Auditorium, and there would be near silence in many places.

Young people were everywhere — in the display room, in the large auditorium, in the corridors of the auditorium, in the choir, at the altar in consecration in the headquarters hotel, and on the sidewalks leading to and from the auditorium. Actually, a General Assembly would not be a General Assembly without young people.

The writer personally does not know the activity of young people in the very first General Assemblies. No doubt there were not so many then, because travelling conveniences and

lodging accommodations were limited. Very probably there were no special Youth Night programs and youth choirs. In fact, there would have been very little reason for an *Evangel* account such as this one, describing young people and their activities at the recent Assembly.

However, young people were definitely present at the 46th General Assembly and for several excellent reasons!

First, they were there to enjoy the fellowship of other young people and to contribute to the fellowship of the Assembly in general.

One could not help but detect the pleasure they were having as they enthusiastically shared exciting experiences with each other. They were also making new friends. Christian fellowship is one of the greatest benefits that comes in serving Christ, and here at the 1956 Assembly there was an abundance of it. Smiles and laughter were a common characteristic. If there were problems in the lives of these young people — and unquestionably there were — it was not apparent.

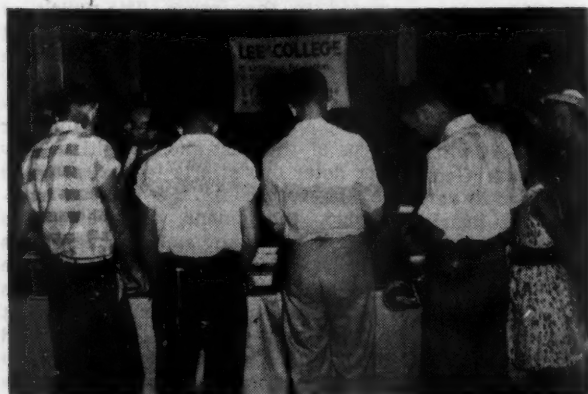
Happiness and gaiety seemed to obscure any signs of feelings to the contrary.

Second, they were there to contribute to and share in the spiritual benefits.

While young people are naturally social beings and thus greatly enjoy social activities, it should also be remembered that young people have a great desire to hear the Word of God. Contrary to the thinking of many, surveys show that young people actually want to hear sermons that have depth to them. Our young people were not disappointed at this General Assembly because all of the sermons delivered were in the category of excellent preaching. Especially impressive to youth was the sermon of the Reverend J. Frank Spivey, Youth Night speaker, who directed his message in their interest.

Young people must laugh, else they would not be normal. They must have their good times, but then young people also have their serious moments — moments when they unreservedly surrender their lives to Christ — moments when they rededicate and reconsecrate. At moments like these, one sees, as he stands on the platform looking down into the faces of a great number of young people, tears streaming down the cheeks of young men and women who once again are telling Christ, "I offer You my life; take it and use it for Your glory." Faces which a short time before were covered with smiles as these young individuals conversed in the halls and elsewhere, are now vastly different; now they are bathed in tears and reflect the glory of God. Spiritual strengthening was one of the great

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Youth delegates to the 1956 Assembly gathered at the Lee College display booth.



Dorcas Sharp, instructor at Lee College, talking with former and present Lee College students.

THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

By Mrs. Ralph E. Williams

Fresno, California



Representing the ladies at the 1956 Assembly are Mrs. Paul L. Walker, one of the youngest ministers' wives, and Mrs. W. F. Bryant, a pioneer minister's wife who attended the first General Assembly in 1906.

WHILE DRIVING THROUGH the great West on our return from the Assembly, a famous radio commentator made the statement that "there seems to be a national hunger for things of a religious nature," hence the hymns, prayers and Scripture reading that had been heard in the recent National Conventions. His words struck home, for I had seen that deep hunger in the faces of our laity and ministry alike, just the week before in Memphis. My heart is filled to overflowing and my joy is full as I wonder how we, such minute creatures, were found worthy to be recipients of the unusual visitation of the Spirit and power of God that characterized our Assembly from the beginning to the closing moment. The rapt attention on the faces of all present was evidence of their desire for a spiritual awakening. That desire was gratified, for **THIS ASSEMBLY WAS DIFFERENT!** It was different because God's people

were seeking His will with greater purpose than ever before, and second, in our earnest *soul-searching*, **WE BECAME AS ONE**, reaching to the throne of God in unity, love and compassion for lost souls. Each speaker seemed to have been selected by the anointing of the Holy Ghost; as their words rang out, I saw the moving Spirit of God as it touched men and women, transforming their lives, healing their diseases, and saving the unbeliever.

My thoughts went back to other Assemblies, and I traveled in conversation to the first one, in the hills of North Carolina, with our beloved Sister W. F. Bryant. She commented on the difference in the number of delegates and the surroundings, but remarked that the presence of God remained the same and felt that the preaching was done by men who were filled with the Spirit. Reaching down fifty years later, Sister Paul L. Walker, wife of one of our fine young ministers, joined with Sister Bryant in thanking God for an Assembly that will live as long as time shall last. I remembered my first Assembly twenty-eight years ago, when a hushed, reverent people heard that we had just lost Brother F. J. Lee. Then I remembered others, through the years—times of rejoicing and exultation, with hours of tears and prayer. Those meetings brought us to today; and with hundreds of others, I say that this Assembly was, without a doubt, the greatest we have ever had!

It was not great because of the large crowds, or the commodious auditorium, for these are only passing things; it was great because God moved, changing our purpose and goals in life, leaving us never to be the same again, because of the touch of His hand.

What is a "woman's viewpoint of the Assembly"? I believe each lady who attended would join me in saying that our view of this meeting takes us on into the future, with a picture of the hundreds who will find Christ real in their lives due to the influence of this Assembly. The true worth of a great service is not in just what happens at that moment, but it is shown in how we apply ourselves after having received a new vision. Our hearts still ring with the songs, our souls still rejoice over the truths of God revealed by His power. The forward steps that were taken make us bow before God for His guidance, and we rise as one woman in grateful praise and humility for the privilege of attending a meeting such as this! We shall endeavor to become better workers, teachers, mothers and laity in the coming days.

With all the shouting ended and the praises quieted,

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A South African IN MEMPHIS

By H. R. Carter

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ON JULY 25 I started from South Africa on my 12,000-mile trip which was to bring me to the General Assembly of the Church of God, to be held at Memphis, Tennessee. This being my first visit to the United States, I did not know what to expect. I had met a few brethren of the Church of God who visited us in our country, and who left a very good impression. I did expect to see and hear quite a lot that would be a blessing to me and that would help me to gain greater experience in the Lord's work. What I came across, however, far exceeded my expectations.

It was my privilege to attend the Supreme Council meeting which preceded the General Assembly, and this was where I first met a number of the brethren. I at once felt at home, for everybody was friendly and took me in as if I had been here for many years. I soon discovered that I was with men who were experienced in guiding the affairs of the great church which is the Church of God, and I felt proud that we were bound together by bonds of Christian love and a desire to work hard for God.

As the days passed I felt that the bonds of unity were being closer drawn, and when the final session came to a close, I felt that it had been well worth my while to sit those few days with my brethren.

The next week I was in the care of the Reverend and Mrs. James L. Slay and was received with so much love and consideration that I can only trust that God will bless them very much.

MEMPHIS HAD a hot reception ready for us. The air was heavy with heat, and the air-conditioned hotel rooms and the auditorium were welcome retreats. A great crowd gathered for the opening session of the General Council meeting, and it was a joy to know that so many men and women were busy in the work of God. An atmosphere of solemn reverence hung over the crowd as the general overseer opened the meeting and the proceedings got under way. A fine spirit of fellowship prevailed and the able chairmanship of the general overseer made every session a real pleasure. Business was transacted in an atmosphere of goodwill and Christian fellowship.

In our country of South Africa we are not privileged to have such a large number together, so you can imagine

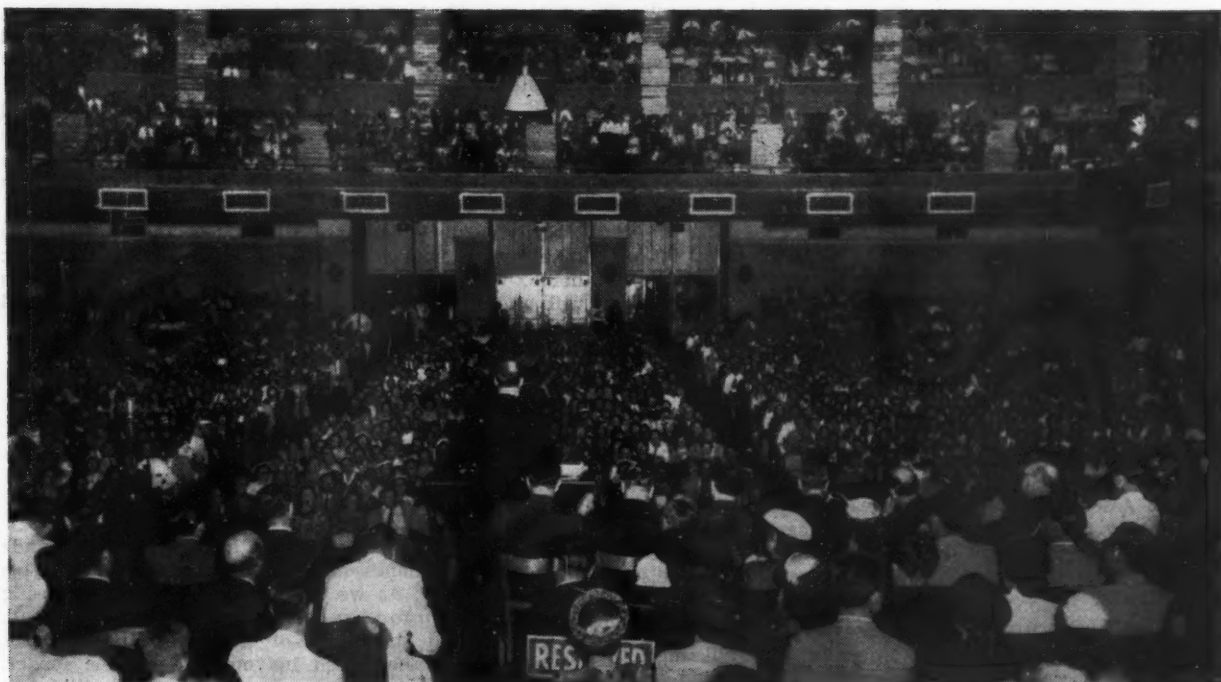
what an impression the first evening service made on me. What singing! It simply created a heavenly atmosphere where the Spirit of God moved in a mighty way and where every heart could be blessed.

Brother L. H. Aultman was scheduled to preach on "Pentecost," and what a sermon he delivered! It was very clear to me that this message was inspired by the Holy Spirit who is the very reason for Pentecost. . . . Just watch that man in the front seat as he keeps his eyes on the speaker; look at his face beaming when he realizes that Pentecost is still the same powerful medium to do God's work . . . That woman to the right finds it hard to control herself; she cannot sit still when God's servant emphasizes the old-time religion. . . . A number of people jumped to their feet and glorified God as their hearts were stirred by the thought of what God can still do by the power of the Holy Spirit. The meeting reached a climax with the whole gathering bowing before God with tears running down their cheeks and calling on God for Pentecostal power. This was a great opening sermon which will certainly bring forth fruit.

Wednesday was also a day to be remembered and was rounded off by a great sermon on "The Order of the Ministry." By this time I was convinced that the Church of God has great preachers and that the work was under good care. What also impressed me was the fervor with which the people plunged into the services.

The evening of Friday, August 17, was the time for the missions program. It was good to see a number of missionaries who are willing to make the necessary sacrifice to preach the gospel in far-off countries. During the week a couple had left for Japan, and now these were others who were obeying the Master's call. This was new to me as from our country we do not send missionaries to far-off lands because we have too many heathens just across our borders, and there we are busy with our mission work. The report given by the executive missions secretary, Brother Paul H. Walker, was an inspiration and the people were all keyed up when they heard the need for a Bible school in Germany. When a call for support was made, it was clear that a good offering was going to be given. In every meeting there were times when the gathering rose to their feet to

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Missions service of the 1956 Assembly. 10,000 delegates packed the huge auditorium to overflowing. At the pulpit is A. W. Brummett, Superintendent of the West Indies.

An Account of the

1956 Assembly Services

By Earl T. Golden

Old Fort, North Carolina

DOWN IN DIXIE in the hospitable city of Memphis, Tennessee, around seven or eight thousand people made their way into Ellis Auditorium on the night of August 14, 1956, to begin the great 46th General Assembly of the Church of God.

Thousands of glad voices joined the enthusiastic song leader, A. T. Humphries, in the singing of one of the most classic of all religious choruses, "Amazing Grace." Following this with even more fervor these happy thousands lifted their voices in the singing of "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Thus began the grand and glorious services of the General Assembly.

The different phases of the service seemed to blend together like the ingredients of a favorite recipe as devotions were led by the Reverend John Smith of Anderson, South Carolina. Special singing by the Imperial Quartet of Lee College, the uplifting solo by the golden-voiced Otis McCoy, and the fervent singing of the Dunn Trio soon caused to disappear any misgivings; and the thousands from many states and countries were soon worshipping as freely as they would have in their home

churches. The cordial welcome of the Honorable Edmund Orgill, Mayor of Memphis, Tennessee, was certainly in keeping with the grand atmosphere of this service. Even the touching memorial service conducted by the Reverend H. D. Williams, General Secretary-Treasurer, fitted right into the picture to inspire and uplift the souls of the people by the memories of departed soldiers of Christ. A challenging message on "Pentecost" by the Reverend L. H. Aultman, State Overseer of North Carolina, so vividly pointed out the dangers facing Pentecostals and the positive results of a proper Pentecostal approach that no Pentecostal who heard will soon forget.

Wednesday morning found the Assembly opened officially by the Reverend Zeno C. Tharp, retiring General Overseer, who followed with an outstanding progressive report of the Church of God over the past two years.

The Reverend James A. Cross, Assistant General Overseer, had the unique position of preaching on the subject, "The Order of the Ministry," a subject to be discussed later in the Ordained Ministers' Council. This was the first time in many years that a minister was assigned

to preach on a subject to be discussed later in Council; however, many years ago this was a common practice.

I am quite sure the ladies of the Church of God L.W.W.B. have never presented a more inspiring and informative service than the one presented Wednesday evening. Sister Avis Swiger's message was so very appropriate; and Sister Tharp, National L.W.W.B. President, assisted by the other fine ladies, very efficiently presented their outstanding program.

To those who look back and criticize the spirituality of our services; I only wish it had been your privilege to have witnessed the shouting of literally hundreds, the message and interpretation of tongues and the singing in the Spirit during the devotional phase of this service.

The Reverend D. A. Biggs of Middletown, Ohio, delivered a forceful message on "Faith in Action, Pentecostal Results." His main emphasis centered around the thought, "If we have another Pentecost, we must be desperately seeking the Lord."

The election of officers, which was conducted on Thursday morning, is always an interesting time in the General Assembly. This morning was also significant in that a very informative and blessed program was presented by the Reverend Leonard Carroll, Lee College President, and the heads of our other religious schools and colleges.

NO DOUBT, of all services to be remembered, the youth program on Thursday evening will rank high on the list. It was not only filled with information on the progress of our youth program, but it was also filled with inspiration by the singing of the teen-age choir under the direction of A. T. Humphries, the specials rendered by the youth, and the unique and very outstanding message to the youth on "True Consecration" by the Reverend J. Frank Spivey of Kannapolis, North Carolina. Certainly the Reverend Ray H. Hughes, retiring National Director, and the Reverend O. W. Polen, present National Director, and their associates in youth work are to be commended for planning such a fine program that was approved of and blessed of God.

Friday found the Assembly drawing closer to an end. The enthusiasm was not waning, however, as was witnessed by the intense interest in and the inspiration derived from the unique teaching message of the Reverend Billy Sunday Myers of York, South Carolina on the Articles of Faith of the Church of God.

Missions night is always a great night, and Friday evening in the 46th General Assembly was no exception. From the opening song, through the participation of missions board members, introduction of missionaries, messages by the Reverend Wade H. Horton, Foreign Missions Field Representative, and the Reverend Earl P. Paulk, State Overseer of Florida, to the final consecration and mission offering; God's presence was very real. The Reverend Paul H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary, is a real missions enthusiast and those who are associated with him demonstrated in this service that the great commission shall be carried out in the Church of God.

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On Saturday afternoon the Reverend H. R. Carter,

Moderator of the Full Gospel Church of God in South Africa, was in charge of inspiring devotions, followed by business, reports and meetings of state overseers and ministers.

The final night we witnessed an inspiring devotional service, an informative orphanage program under the direction of the heads of our orphanage work, and a tremendously anointed message by the Reverend Dan Drake of Pomona, California.

Now the week has passed and thousands turn to the highways, railways and airways winding their way back home; weary in body but inspired in soul to do God's will and promote His Church because they have had the privilege of attending the great 46th General Assembly of the Church of God.



THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

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the Church of God moves on in a mighty march, made stronger by the depth of consecration that pervaded this entire Assembly. As we left the auditorium on closing night and began to leave for our homes here and abroad, it seemed that the words of the hymn that Brother Carter sang as he closed his message became louder, "Hold the fort, for I am coming, Jesus answers still," and as each traveled to his post of duty, these words came stronger, "By His grace I will." As women of the Church of God, we see a triumphant Church, returning to oppose Satan and all his forces; there is no doubt or thought of defeat, for "BY HIS GRACE, WE WILL!"



A SOUTH AFRICAN IN MEMPHIS

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indicate their determination to do more for God and His work than ever before.

Saturday night brought to close a very profitable week—a time of fellowship which should greatly inspire the ministers to work hard for God.

Time and space do not allow a detailed account of all the wonderful sermons, but I must comment on a statement by Brother Earl P. Paulk when he said, "If we do not do the work which God has called us to do, He will find someone else to do it." Now that was a great challenge which we cannot afford to ignore.

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We had a great General Assembly, but that now is passed. We must go on.

YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE ASSEMBLY

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benefits many of them received while at this long-awaited-for meeting.

Our Church of God young people did not hide their talents. They were there to sing, to testify, to play musical instruments, and to serve in any capacity in which they were needed. On Wednesday night, those who were especially interested in singing met after the night service for a "Teen-age Sing." These young people could have gone to a nearby restaurant for a snack. They were not forced to stay, but they stayed because *they wanted to sing!* There was a song in their hearts. As I listened to them sing, I quickly became aware that they were doing something that was providing them with great pleasure and delight. They were responding beautifully under the capable direction of Brother A. T. Humphries and Brother Bennie Triplett, song directors under whom anyone will readily sing if he can sing at all.

Third, they were there with thoughts of the future.

Not only did young people enjoy the Christian fellowship they found at the Assembly; not only did they benefit from the spiritual blessings of the Assembly to which they contributed and from which they derived strength, but many of these people were more aware than one may realize of the future and its responsibilities. They were eager to prepare for it. Many of them were often seen at the Lee College display booth, talking with the attendants, collecting and reading the material offered, asking questions and trying to decide the best way for them to prepare in "God's School for God's Business." Youth are aware of the future, and they want to prepare for it.

Fourth, they were there with a keen interest in the Church and its program.

Young people find the passing of many measures relating to the Church and its program of great interest. Many of them have been born and reared in Church of God families. Many of them are children of ministers. They love the Church and are sincerely and conscientiously interested in its progress. They, like many older people, eagerly await news relating to the election of the general officials and the appointment of state overseers. *They were present when these announcements were made.* Nothing else at the time was quite

so important to these young people.

I knew I was to write this article before the General Assembly began. I carefully observed the young people and their actions and interests during the Assembly. Before then I was convinced of a certain fact. Now, I am even more thoroughly convinced. That fact is this. With young people in our Church such as I observed during the 46th General Assembly — young people who are unquestionably consecrated and dedicated to God and the Church — young people who are keenly interested in the continued progress and growth of the Church of God, *our future as a church organization is secure!*



SPIRITUAL ASPECTS OF THE 1956 ASSEMBLY

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ferred to some distant future. A challenging, sobering, solemn refrain, "I Will Follow Him" had been reverently repeated many times. Many thousands of hands were raised in praise for His presence and power and in prayer for an opportunity to act. An opportunity was soon presented.

Across the spacious platform marched missionaries, American and native, of various countries. Reports of God's blessings came from all fields. People were being saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, healed, and added to the Church. A stirring message on missions was given. God's Spirit was working. At the closing of a previous service, a fine young couple had humbly, reverently, quietly, but bravely stepped forward to the microphone to announce their immediate departure for Japan to carry the message of salvation. There was no fanfare, no ritual; but this had become their part in preaching the gospel to all the world. The masses could not go to Japan or to any other country far from our own borders, but the masses waited to help those who could go.

During the course of the message on missions, an immediate and desperate need for a school in Germany was revealed to the audience. The missions board had hesitantly informed the representatives in Germany that there was no finance in the treasury for that purpose. It was stated that the minimum amount to establish such a school was five thousand dollars. God knew the need. God

had been approached in prayer by men and women who had the need on their hearts. The great audience was moved by the Spirit of God; and at the close of the message, there was a mass response of humbled men and women to the cause of God in missions. Offerings large and small had poured in. The following day it was announced that over double the minimum amount needed for the school had been given. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Reports of blessings in all departments were given. The schools, the orphanages, the publishing house and music company, the churches in America and abroad, were all thankful for good reports. There were high spirits, with hearts praising God for all His goodness. With humble thanks for the blessings of the past and present, with unwavering faith for the future that through and by the Spirit and power of God even greater things than these shall be done, the Forty-sixth General Assembly of the Church of God adjourned.



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